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In re Application of:

Bosch et al.

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For: LIQUID DROPLET AEROSOLS OF NANOPARTICULATE DRUGS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is filed prior to formal examination of the application. Please amend this application as follows

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please delete the Title of the Invention and insert therefor:

~~--LIQUID DROPLET AEROSOLS OF NANOPARTICULATE DRUGS--~~**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-10, 39, and 46 (claims 11-38, 40-45 and 47-50 were previously canceled in the divisional filed on June 19, 2000), without prejudice or disclaimer thereof, and add the following claims.

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--51. An aerosol composition of an aqueous dispersion of nanoparticulate drug particles, wherein:

- (a) essentially each droplet of the aerosol comprises at least one nanoparticulate poorly soluble drug particle;
- (b) the droplets of the aerosol have a mass median aerodynamic diameter (MMAD) less than or equal to about 100 microns; and